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”No Sharp Regret....”

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“No Sharp Regret . . . ”

NO sharp regret to see you go
Whom I have never loved; no tears
Of sweethearts' parting and no show
Of grief or quick-drawn pain: though years,
Like sand, drown thought of meeting more in flow

Of time, no poignant sob our friendship hears.
Only a scent of sadness steals
Through me, as smelling grass, rain-wet
Fresh and age-old at once, one feels
Youth gone, a blanching violet.

The price of love as well as time,
This parting is, for friendship met
With love descends to pantomime . . .
We close youth's book, end our duet—
And with no pain, no sharp regret.

—Anon.